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In re Application of  
Broussard, Milton, Bergeron, Remis,  
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Filed: July 29, 2003  
Attorney Docket No.: DB000974-001  
For: ARTICLE DISPENSING AND COUNTING  
METHOD AND DEVICE

DECISION NOTING JOINDER  
OF INVENTOR AND DISMISSING  
PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)  
AS MOOT

Papers filed on April 15, 2004 (certificate of mailing date April 13, 2004) in reply to "Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)" mailed on February 25, 2003, included a Declaration signed by the previously nonsigning inventor, Michael A. Bergeron, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is moot; this application does not have any rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this office for any further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

This application will be returned to Technology Center 3765 for examination in due course.

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